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STATE OF MISSOURI  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 7, 1995

TO: Sherry Boldt, Deputy Director  
Department of Natural Resources

FROM: Ed Sadler, Director  
Hazardous Waste Program



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RCRA RECORDS CENTER

SUBJECT: Monsanto - J.F. Queeny Facility, St. Louis, Missouri;  
Projected Risk Assessment Time Frames and Evidence of  
Contaminant Releases in Vicinity of Buildings AAA/BM.

This memo responds to your request concerning the noted subject. My staff has contacted Ms. Cherri Baysinger-Daniel with the Missouri Department of Health. She indicated that under normal circumstances a risk assessment of this nature (see attachments A and B for details) would take 30-60 days to complete. This time estimate assumes that adequate resources are in place to fund the project and that a staff person is available immediately to devote 100% of their time to development of the risk assessment. In terms of human resources, Ms. Baysinger-Daniel reminded us that they are currently working on two other high priority risk assessment projects, Times Beach and the Jasper County Superfund site. As previously indicated to you by my staff, the results of the Monsanto risk assessment are expected to form the basis for EPA's determinations regarding the necessity for further site investigation, monitoring and/or remediation.

Confirmation was received today from Mr. Gary Bertram and Mr. Chet McLaughlin, of EPA Region VII, that EPA has processed the grant from MDNR for \$20,000 in funding for MDNR to conduct risk assessments on combustion facilities in the state of Missouri. This will be a joint effort between MDNR and the Department of Health. It may be necessary for the Governor to establish House Priorities in order to change the priority of the Monsanto-J.F. Queeny Facility, St. Louis, Missouri.

Information regarding the issue of soil and groundwater contamination in the vicinity of Buildings AAA and BM at the subject facility is also attached for your information. This information was collected by an environmental consultant on behalf of the University of Missouri. This information was faxed to the Hazardous Waste Program by EPA and should be considered only a summary overview. The accompanying cover letter describing the investigation results is self-explanatory. A copy

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of the comprehensive report generated as a function of the University's environmental property assessment, including the raw analytical results, will reportedly be forthcoming from EPA. Based on the information provided by EPA, it does not appear that comprehensive investigation of the areas surrounding Buildings AAA and BM has, to date, been performed. Hence, conclusions concerning the exact origin(s), nature and extent of contaminants in the area of Buildings AAA and BM should be viewed with caution at this time.

It would appear that if the agreement between the University and Monsanto has an indemnification clause whereby Monsanto is still responsible for cleaning the site, EPA will not be party to the contract. If this is not the case, EPA would enter an agreement with the University as they would then be responsible for cleaning up the property as the successor owner.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Richard Nussbaum, P.E., of my staff, if you have any questions.

Attachments

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c: Cherri Baysinger-Daniel, MDOH